

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Initially, Applicants would like to acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 42-53 and 58-60. Applicants by the instant amendment have amended claims 42, 43, 44, 45, 54, 56, 58 and 59 so as to remove the claim objections raised by the examiner on Page 2, starting with paragraph No. 3. In light of the foregoing amendments, it is submitted that claims 42-53 and 58-60 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants by the instant amendment have cancelled claim 56 which was rejected by the examiner.

Applicants have amended independent claim 54. It is believed that independent claim 54 and dependent claim 55 are patentable over the prior art for the reasons set forth hereinbelow.

Yokota et al (USP5847662) is silent as to the media bearing member. According to the claim 54 invention, since the contactless IC media is born within the media bearing member, the contactless IC media can be easily attached and removed from the contactless reader/writer and can be surely placed at predetermined position with regard to the antenna. Further, Yokota et al discloses to read data from a wireless card (300), or to write data on the wireless card (300) by means of the combination of a radio card reader/writer (200) and the transmitting-receiving antennas (transmitting antenna 208 and receiving antenna 209). However, Yokota et al does not disclose or suggest the following constructions of the present claim 54 invention.

" a radio transceiver circuit having at least one antenna, said antenna having a coverage at

predetermined portion within the housing and a coverage to the outside direction of said housing", and

" a control section for controlling the read and write of digital information with respect to said media at the predetermined portion and another media at external of said housing through said radio transceiver circuit"

According to amended claim 54 having the above construction, wireless or contactless transmitting and receiving of digital information both the media at predetermined position and the another media can be conducted and data communication between these media can be performed easily. Further, for example, it is possible to perform wireless or contactless data processing with regard to the digital information (e.g. predetermined data) stored on the another media based on the digital information (e.g. predetermined application software) stored on the media at predetermined position.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that independent claim 54 and dependent claim 55 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request the examiner to reconsider his rejection of claim 57 for the reasons stated hereinbelow.

More particularly, Yokota et al fails to disclose or suggest the claimed structure of "a control section for enabling access to another media disposed at external of said housing based on the information recorded in the media born by said media bearing member through the radio transceiver circuit, or for allowing the information be taken from said another media to the media born by said media bearing member". This feature allows for the particular effects as disclosed in the specification. Namely, when an electronic business card is realized by a contactless IC media, the business card

information can be read by the contactless reader/writer and is utilized as it is in a device that automatically dials on the basis of phone number information or a device that set a destination of navigation or the like on the basis of address information.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that claim 57 patentably defines over the prior art.

Finally, Applicants have added new claim 61. It is respectfully submitted that new independent claim 61 is patentable over the prior art for the reasons set forth above with regard to previously discussed independent claim 54. In addition, it is submitted that claim 61 is further patentable over the prior art for the following reasons. The invention of newly added claim 61 has the following advantages in addition to the advantages 1) and 2) obtained by the claim 54 invention. According to the claim 61 invention, it is possible to read or write of digital information with respect to the external contactless IC media or to exchange digital information between the external contactless IC media and the contactless IC media born the media bearing member only by moving the external contactless IC media above the antenna embedded portion of the housing part and within the coverage of the antenna, thereby reading or writing operation to digital information can be performed with regard to the external contactless IC media, and accordingly, contactless and wireless communication can be performed between the contactless IC media embedded in the housing part and the external contactless IC media. According to one embodiment of contactless reader/writer according to claim 61 shown in Fig. 4, the antenna is provided at upper surface of the housing part, and the media bearing member with the contactless IC media is provided within the housing part, thereby reading or writing with regard to the contactless IC

media provided within the housing part through the antenna is enabled while reading or writing with regard to the external contactless IC media positioned outside from the housing part through the antenna is also enabled. Therefore, reading or writing with regard to both of the contactless IC media positioned within the housing part and positioned outside the housing part is enabled.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that independent claim 61 patentably defines over the prior art.

In light of the foregoing amendments and comments it is submitted that all of the claims as presently pending patentably define over the art of record and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

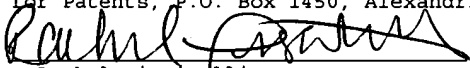
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